

COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING AGENDA

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COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING**1:32 P.M.****JULY 19, 2005**

Present: Mayor Naugle
Commissioners Moore, Hutchinson and Trantalis, and Vice Mayor Teel

Also Present: City Manager – George Gretsas
City Attorney - Harry A. Stewart
City Clerk - Jonda K. Joseph
Sergeant At Arms – Sergeant W. D. Lumm

I-A – Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Budget Message

Allyson Love, Budget Director, said they are presenting the 2006 proposed Operating Budget, and it is good news. There are four pillars in developing the budget. The first one is to restore the fund balance, and that has been done. The City has over \$17 Million projected in the fund balance between 2005 and 2006. At the end of 2006, they expect to be over \$17 Million, and this is the target they established.

Ms. Love said the second pillar is to restore needed services. She said City services have been enhanced in the 2006 budget with an increase of 13 police officers, new firefighters, and new services.

Ms. Love said they set out to pay down the insurance deficit, and it will be eliminated at the end of 2006.

Ms. Love said that lastly they have provided tax relief. In this budget they are proposing the largest property tax decrease in more than a decade, 6%.

Ms. Love said the General Fund Budget as proposed is \$251 Million which is 3% above the current year's budget of \$245 Million. The All Funds Budget is \$435.7 Million. The proposed millage is 5.0924 which is a 6% decrease, as well as a total operating budget plus debt for a total of 5.4313. The millage revenue total Operating Fund plus debt is \$122 million, a 10.8% increase. The general overview of all funds for the City is \$435.7 Million.

Ms. Love said this presentation talks about the appropriation for all departments, and does not include the fund balance. The General Fund is 58% of the budget, with the Enterprise Fund being 37%, the Service Fund being 3%, with all other funds totaling 2% of the budget.

Ms. Love said the history of property values in the City show a steady increase. In 2005 it was \$20 Billion, and in 2006 it is \$23 Billion, which is an 18.4% increase. For the average homeowner, there will be a decrease in single-family units of \$49.10, and condominium owners of \$31.56 based on the proposed operating millage of 5.0924.

Commissioner Trantalis asked what is the \$49.10 being compared to. The comparison should be for the City's portion of the total tax bill. Ms. Love said it is 25% of the total bill.

Ms. Love said that the non-homesteaded properties will increase by \$212 for single-family units, and \$147 for condominiums.

Ms. Love said that in preparing the budget, there was a rationale of long-term stability for non-discretionary expenses, continuation of existing City services, as well as service enhancement. First of all, regarding long-term stability, in 2003 the City had less than \$1 Million in the Fund Balance, in 2004 there was \$9.3 Million. In 2005 they expect to have between \$15 Million and \$17 Million, and in 2006 the budget, there should have over \$17 Million in the Fund Balance.

Ms. Love further said that in regard to non-discretionary expenses, all costs over which they basically have no control are identified as: the pension increase of 3.8%, the insurance deficit of 3.6%, COLA of 2.6%, termination pays of 1.6%, merit increases of 1.1%, annexation of Twin Lakes and Rock Island of \$749 -is this - \$749,000, and City Auditor's office of \$400,000.

Regarding continuation of City services, Ms. Love said they want to continue improving the development process, centralize grant operations and continue to maximize opportunities to secure grant dollars, continue working on reduction of crime, better interdepartmental coordination, and addressing quality of life issues in connection with Code violations, as well as increasing information flow to the Commission.

Ms. Love said that service enhancements are included in the budget such as costs associated with the hiring of 13 new police officers, restoration of Fire Engine #13, overtime for booking operations and action plans, costs for hiring background investigators, three positions for police reserves associated with booking operations, firefighter apparatus computers, as well as a new receptionist for the Fire Department. In regard to Parks and Recreation, there will be the hiring of 4.5 new positions for Riverland Water Playground, one senior accounting clerk to deal with operational efficiency and accountability in accordance with the amount of monies brought in, and replacement of existing portable radio equipment. In regard to Public Works, painting the beach wall, a new transportation planner position, a new traffic engineer position, air conditioner maintenance overtime, Rock Island and Twin Lakes annexation costs such as eight firefighter positions, two code enforcement officers, one service clerk, and crossing guards in accordance with State Statute, as well as costs for tree trimming. In regard to the Law Department, a senior Assistant City Attorney. Three positions associated with Business Enterprises, training in electronic upgrades, Commission items, one new real estate officer, finance equipment upgrade and temporary help, and costs associated with HR and information systems upgrades.

Ms. Love continued, that other items included in the budget are a new FMA financial management analyst position that will concentrate on monitoring the CIP budget. A new OPS position and training, unified flex zone studies, costs for amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, a downtown campus study and area-wide plan, RFP for Depot licensing, upgrade of travel component in travel process, including a line item for upgrading the travel component. Costs for the upcoming primary and general elections, GIS, vacation management conversion dollars, and a federal lobbyist.

Shonda Singleton-Taylor, Management and Budget, said that the City millage rate only represents 25% of the property tax bill, assuming the proposed millage rate of 5.4313, including debt, and the current millage rate for the local authorities. In looking at the

millage chart, assuming a single-family homeowner with a homestead exemption has a total payment of \$6,843.00, 38% of that goes to the School Board or \$2,586.00, 36% to Broward County or \$2,196, and 25% to the City or \$1,698. The remaining 3% goes to the South Florida Water Management District, 2% goes to Children's Services, and about \$12 to Florida Inland Navigation.

Ms. Taylor stated that, in regard to all funds staffing level, the proposed full-time positions total 2,640, including a total of 52 full-time equivalent positions. Staff is asking the Commission to approve the operating millage of 5.0924, plus debt of .3389 for a total of 5.4313 for fiscal year 2006, plus approval of a 5% storm water rate increase, as well as a 2 1/2% increase for water and sewer.

Ms. Love concluded that the cornerstone of the 2006 budget addresses restoration of the Fund Balance and needed services, paying down the insurance deficit, and providing tax relief. The first public hearing is September 7, 2005, and the final public hearing will be September 20, 2005.

FEDERAL LOBBYIST

Vice Mayor Teel did not remember any discussion regarding a federal lobbyist, and asked if there is a specific purpose for that person to accomplish.

The City Manager said that the person is necessary for federal grant monies for transportation and whatever funding sources are available on the federal level.

Vice Mayor Teel said that in the past the City used Barry Goodman, for example, for specific projects. She asked if the staff wants to hire a generalist. The City Manager said that they want a generalist who has experience working with Congress. Vice Mayor Teel understood that \$120,000 at the federal level would not buy much.

Commissioner Moore said that with the number of projects proposed with the County, that the City augment working with them, especially with the possibility of the rail system and other matters they are working on with the MPO. It would be good for the City to have someone to assist. The County will do something and the State will be attempting to obtain federal funds for some of these projects, especially in connection with the proposed MPO projects. He felt it is important for the City to have a player assisting the City.

Vice Mayor Teel asked if \$120,000 is for one individual or is it a pool of money to be assigned to various individuals. The City Manager said staff would have to assess the situation, and once the RFP process is started, they could then get a sense how to proceed.

Commissioner Trantalis said that some of the expenditures appear to be one-time costs. He asked if such expenses could be spread out as opposed to incurring the price tag all at once. The City Manager said that it would depend on the item. For example, the beach wall will cost \$800,000. Commissioner Trantalis said that if \$800,000 is being allocated for the beach wall, then obviously, that would not preclude the City from talking to stakeholders and developers on the beach to chip in and have a participation program such as what was done with the lighting system for the beach wall. Items such as

computer enhancement systems are one-time costs. He asked if staff has looked into making payments instead of paying the entire amount up front.

The City Manager said the City felt a pay-as-you-go system is better for those types of expenses.

Mayor Naugle said that if an item has a five-year life, it could be financed, but then next year there will be another one-time expense.

Regarding restoration of the fire engine, Mayor Naugle clarified that reference to restoration pertains to restoring staff and having it put back in service.

Commissioner Moore said that today's presentation was very good and easy to comprehend. He asked what the job of real estate officer would encompass.

REAL ESTATE

The City Manager said they are looking at restructuring how the City does their real estate business. Presently two individuals handle those matters. They plan to centralize the office with additional help. There are a tremendous amount of properties for the City to handle, and it is important how such properties are being managed, and to be more pro-active as to how they review the leases and analyze cost savings. There is presently one real estate officer in Public Works, and one in Community Development. The question is whether it would make more sense to have a centralized office in either Economic Development or somewhere else so there could be a more coordinated approach.

Commissioner Moore asked if such person would be able to monitor the leases and discover that it might make more sense to construct a building and stop leasing certain space. The City Manager confirmed yes. Commissioner Moore also said that such an individual would be able to advise about the value of a vacant parcel had that was held by the City in the CRA or the Community Development Division. The City Manager concurred and said they would also be able to negotiate efforts and enhance acquisitions if the Commission was interested in acquiring other properties.

Commissioner Moore asked what type of license is going to be needed by such an individual. The City Manager said that he had not yet thought that far ahead.

Mayor Naugle said that a real estate license is not necessary, if the individual is not receiving a commission.

Commissioner Moore asked about the background necessary for such a position. He felt it would be good for the City to have such an individual, but he wanted to know what qualifications would be required. The City Manager said that such information would be supplied. Mayor Naugle said that possibly someone with a business background that understands appraisals. The City Manager said that staff had been entertaining various concepts, such as whether they want someone that is a certified appraiser, a licensed real estate person, or someone with a business background. He did not want to set up specific qualifications because if they find the right capable person such certifications might not be necessary. They want someone with the skill set. This is to be a significant operation and that level of expertise would be important.

Commissioner Trantalis asked if such person would take a proactive position in regard to disposing of City owned property. The City Manager said that is an area where they are seriously lacking, and such a proactive approach would be advantageous.

Commissioner Moore was happy to see the breakdown shown that 25% of the tax bill goes to the City. He asked what price range of home was being used in arriving at the tax figure of \$6,800. Ms. Love said the price of the home would be around \$337,000 before the homestead deduction. Commissioner Moore asked what figure had been used in the past. The City Attorney said that historically the average price of a home was used in the calculation. Commissioner Moore asked further if the average price of a home in the City is now \$337,000. Ms. Love said they used a 2004 tax roll to determine the price of an average home in the City because that was all that was available. Mayor Naugle said that is the assessed value which is lower than the sale price.

OSSWALD PARK; ANNEXATION OF ROCK ISLAND

Commissioner Moore said in dealing with the annexation of Rock Island, there is a County park, Osswald Park, and he believed that the County is to continue operating it. In looking at the annexation cost, it is about \$700,000. To operate the park alone, the County is allocating \$900,000. He received a letter from the County Administrator saying it is not in their operational budget and it would not be placed in the budget.

Commissioner Hutchinson said the acreage makes it a regional park. Commissioner Moore said the County is saying it is not a regional park, and is not large enough to be considered as such.

Mayor Naugle said when the City agreed to put this on the ballot, it was with the understanding that it passed the City's test of being revenue neutral. The County assured the City that they would operate the park. If the County is not going to do so and renege on their agreement, then the annexation would not take place; there is no interlocal agreement.

Commissioner Moore preferred to find a basis for debate, and a method for the City to have a ruling in such a decision, along with an opportunity to discuss or arbitrate in this matter. There is now a group of individuals preparing a celebration for coming into the City. This area was de-annexed from the City during the Great Depression. The people were promised that they would be annexed back into the City when economics improved. He felt this area is being used as a pawn in this matter.

The City Attorney said that on tonight's agenda there is an agreement with the County to bring in the annexed areas, but the County is not in agreement with the City's proposal. The City believes the agreement sent by the City to the County is in full conformity with the legislation that passed. It required the City to take over the infrastructure, which the City believes includes the roads, water, and sewers, but not the park. The County says since it is not a regional park, they want the City to take it over. The park consists of 30 acres. The County's definition of a regional park is 40 acres. He asked one of the Deputy County Attorneys to have the decision makers get together, and asked why it was included this way in the agreement. Their reply was that is how they do it. He told them to read the legislation. The item is before the Commission tonight because the annexation is to take place September 15, 2005, and it requires the agreement be in

place before that time. The City wants to have its portion of the job done, that there is an agreement. He received an e-mail this morning containing various changes, and most of the changes they agree with, but one of the major changes was that the City take over the operation of the park. Operation of the park would cost the City from \$900,000 to \$1,100,000. He said his office will continue to work with the County, and possibly they will present an agreement to the Commission the first meeting of September.

Commissioner Moore asked in the annexation process by the Broward Delegation is there a method for a municipal entity to have an impartial body to review the process. He wanted to take a different approach that interaction with the County. The City Attorney suggested perhaps the sponsor of the bill.

Commissioner Trantalis asked if there is any standard procedure in the annexation process per se for this type of situation where there has been no meeting of the minds even though the annexation has been voted on.

Commissioner Moore said in his opinion this is two governmental entities attempting to be fair to their taxpayers.

The City Attorney said when it was presented to the City, they said they would take the area as long as it is revenue neutral and that supposedly was part of the deal. The legislature, based upon the numbers given, showed it revenue neutral, and at that time staff thought the County was going to operate the park.

In response to Commissioner Trantalis, the City Attorney said it is absolutely not revenue neutral. Commissioner Moore said it is about \$500,000 over. The City Attorney said there is no mechanism in the legislation to arbitrate or mediate; it was just simply legislative fiat that said thou shalt come to an agreement prior to the annexation. They have narrowed the issues, and he has requested the policymakers to meet.

Mayor Naugle said the City Lobbyist who represented the City in this matter is present.

Linda Cox, City Lobbyist, understood that the County was to take over the operational funds for the park so the annexation would be revenue neutral. She believed that is also the understanding of the Legislative Delegation. She suggested that the involved parties meet, and she offered to mediate. Commissioner Moore said that should be done. Ms. Cox offered to contact everyone involved.

Commissioner Trantalis asked what happens if everyone does not agree. Mayor Naugle said if there is no agreement, the annexation doesn't take place, and they would have to wait another year, which would be horrible because the residents are all prepared.

Commissioner Moore said the better way to handle the situation is to close the park.

The City Manager said that the City Attorney's opinion is that the County cannot force the City to take the park. Commissioner Moore said they cannot go against the voters and the community.

Commissioner Trantalis said that he is looking for options in the worse case scenario. Commissioner Moore said it is not the City's park, and if the County does not fund it,

then they would be the ones closing it. Commissioner Trantalis said that the park would not come within the City's limits. Commissioner Moore said the park is still within the City's limits, but the City would not be operating it.

The City Attorney said in his opinion the City has made an excellent argument that the park, in fact, is a regional park not just by its size, but by its character. The park is a regional park due to its draw and even by the County's definition. If it is not such a park, and if the County prevails in their definitional issue, that does not mean they can hoist this park upon the City.

Commissioner Moore wanted everyone to be aware of the fact that this could have an impact on the budget, and if it not, it will have an impact on the City's image as to how this is handled. He hoped the City would have some discretionary funds within the budget to carry this matter through the dance until some arbitration takes place. Commissioner Hutchinson felt that once the City does that, it is the City's responsibility, and then the County will not close it and continue to do nothing. Commissioner Moore said he is not saying for the City to spend the money, but have funds available until they see how things move forward with the Broward Delegation. If the County is not going to operate the park as promised, then the City should begin to set the stage that it is the County reneging on the agreement, not the City, since the City would still be taking in the residents and providing necessary services. If the County is not going to operate this regional park, it is their choice and not the City's choice.

Commissioner Hutchinson said the City does not need an extra \$1 Million in the budget for the County.

Commissioner Trantalis asked why would the City have a financial obligation under those circumstances. Commissioner Moore said the City would not have such a financial obligation. Commissioner Trantalis said that such a line item does not need to be included in the budget. Commissioner Moore agreed, and agreed with the argument being made that it is a regional park, in looking at the amenities provided.

Mayor Naugle said that the City's park, Mills Pond, is right across the street.

Commissioner Moore concluded that the City is, therefore, going to follow the direction recommended by Ms. Cox, the City's Lobbyist, and the City Manager would implement that taking place.

TWIN LAKES NORTH

Vice Mayor Teel referred to discussion with County Administrator Dejarlais concerning Twin Lakes North and an agreement for infrastructure, similar to Riverside Park. The City Manager said he has not heard back on that issue yet, but he would check on it.

Commissioner Moore said it is sad that every time the City goes through a process with the County, it is always the same situation. Vice Mayor Teel said it is always "cat and mouse." Mayor Naugle gave as an example of the agreement regarding the Airport. Commissioner Hutchinson said they should get the County out of their life next year at least regarding the City's land use issues.

Commissioner Trantalis said the dialogue presently taking place regarding the budget seems to indicate that there is no specific objection to what the City Manager is recommending. He felt this is the time to raise serious objections, or questioned if the residents could assume that the Commission is in agreement.

Mayor Naugle said this is set as the maximum amount that the property tax rate could be assessed, and that is what will be advertised. Two public hearings will be held in September, and the Commission can then decide. It is not appropriate for the Commission to say they are adopting the budget before the public hearings take place.

Commissioner Trantalis said he is not asking the Commission to support the budget at this time, but is asking if anyone has any major objections.

Commissioner Moore was concerned about there not being enough positions in the Parks and Recreation Department, but he did not find the matter unacceptable. With the number of people returning to the neighborhoods, he believed that the City might have to look at providing additional parks. Commissioner Hutchinson said the County can keep Osswald Park open and take care of it.

I-B – Clear Channel Outdoor Billboard Request

Mayor Naugle wanted to make sure that the subject billboards would not be the horrible ones that have flashing lights and are a hazard to drivers.

Commissioner Moore said the Clear Channel representative requested this item be removed from today's agenda and set for the next meeting.

Action: Item to be rescheduled for first meeting in September.

II-A – Public Works Construction Contracts – Pre-Qualification Procedures for Contractors

Commissioner Hutchinson thought this was a great idea, and asked how long it will take for the contractors to qualify.

Albert Carbon, Public Works Director, said it will be similar to the construction bidding process; around three weeks. There would be two advertisements in the newspapers, and would probably take about 28 days.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked if that time would consist of getting all the paperwork done and finding out if they qualify. Mr. Carbon confirmed that is correct.

Mayor Naugle said this may or may not work, but hopefully a healthy crop of bidders will pre-qualify and there will be good competition. If it does not work, then it could stifle getting competitive projects done, and the matter would have to be revisited. The City Manager agreed. Staff hopes this will improve how construction projects are being done, and the quality of the final product.

II-B – City Manager's Report – Proposed Lien Settlements – Special Magistrate and Code Enforcement Board Cases

Commissioner Trantalis asked where these people were during the Amnesty Program.

Valerie Bohlander, Director of Building, did not think these individuals were included in the Amnesty Program; they came along afterwards. Commissioner Trantalis said that is not true because some of the fines have been accruing for years. Ms. Bohlander said she would have to review each case. Commissioner Trantalis said there is one with a total of \$700,000, and it was settled for a lot less. He is not saying that is wrong, but asking where these individuals were during the Amnesty Program. Also, where is not speaking English a defense to not maintaining properties. He said a policy needs to be established as to what is a justifiable defense. Ms. Bohlander said that a policy is in place and she will share it with the Commission. Commissioner Trantalis said he is familiar with the policy, but the defense at the time was accepted that they only speak Creole and did not understand the notices received. The property owner's attorney said it was, therefore, unfair for the City to put liens on their property. Commissioner Trantalis said it appears that the building has been in bad disrepair for a long time.

Mayor Naugle asked what is the City Attorney's position regarding this concept.

The City Attorney said it is a question of notice. It is a court of equity, and the judge would do equity and lean towards giving them a break. It would depend on the amount of the fine and what would be the proper punishment. Mayor Naugle asked if there is any case law with respect to language. The City Attorney believed the present law of the land is that reasonable means of communication has to be made, and that is why the City is required to put ballot questions in at least two languages.

Commissioner Trantalis concluded that this was a judgment call made by staff to let this go. He clarified that he is referring to Item #7 on the list, in the amount of \$712,000 that was settled for \$300,000. He asked if the new senior assistant attorney being added to the Legal Department would focus on lien collections. Since this has never been resolved over the years, what steps are being taken for the City to be more proactive in such situations and resolve such matters.

The City Attorney said they are putting a program in place where they are enforcing the liens and foreclosing on them as received from the Code department. They have foreclosed and collected about \$200,000 this year. Yesterday he settled on a matter where the City is receiving property worth about \$200,000, and the City's attorney fees are being paid.

Commissioner Trantalis concluded that the City is making a concerted effort now to pursue such matters. The City Attorney confirmed that is correct.

Mayor Naugle said on matters that involve homesteaded property, the City cannot force someone out. Ms. Bohlander said that many factors have to be considered in these issues, such as homesteading, property values, and remaining mortgages. Even though it was homesteaded, Commissioner Trantalis was concerned it continued for over ten years. Mayor Naugle noted that the lien was recorded after the Amnesty Program. Vice Mayor Teel reminded the Commission that the properties have to be in compliance in order to qualify for the Amnesty Program. Commissioner Trantalis indicated that in this case, they were not in compliance.

Commissioner Trantalis asked about a house in Sailboat Bend with a high fine on it. The City Attorney said that foreclosure has been filed. It has a long history. Dilapidation preceded historic designation. About five years before the historic district was created, the property was ordered to be demolished. He brought forward a settlement agreement where the owner would pay \$350,000 and demolish the property, but such proposal was rejected. Foreclosure has been filed; the owner has filed some defenses, but the foreclosure process has begun.

Commissioner Moore was glad that such matters are being brought to closure. He felt the penalties being imposed are appropriate because they are absentee landlord and the property owners are not respecting the communities. The objective is to get the property cleaned up, so the communities can prosper. It is not about the money. In some cases, the City does not come out a winner. In the case cited by Commissioner Trantalis, the fines were more than the mortgage and it is homesteaded.

Commissioner Moore asked if the notices provide for a second or third language for some areas of the City. The City Attorney replied that they do not. Commissioner Moore asked if there is any reason not to do so. The City Attorney said this is the first instance where such a defense has been raised. Commissioner Moore suggested that possibly the City should include Spanish and Creole on the notices.

Commissioner Hutchinson thought it is done in some instances regarding bulk trash.

Ms. Bohlander said that can be done, and mentioned that phone messages and handouts include other languages.

Commissioner Trantalis explained his concern was that it was used as a defense. He did not want a precedent to be set.

III-B – Advisory Board and Committee Vacancies

Audit Advisory Board

Commissioner Trantalis appointed Mark LaFontaine to the Audit Advisory Board.

Action: Formal Action to be Taken at Regular Meeting.

Aviation Advisory Board

Action: Deferred.

Board of Adjustment

Action: Deferred.

Budget Advisory Board

Commissioner Trantalis appointed Kenneth Strand to the Budget Advisory Board.

Action: Formal Action to be Taken at Regular Meeting.

Community Appearance Board

Action: Deferred.

Community Services Board

Commissioner Trantalis appointed Avery A. Dial to the Community Services Board.

Action: Formal Action to be Taken at Regular Meeting.

Fire-Rescue Facilities Bond Issue Blue Ribbon

Action: Deferred.

Insurance Advisory Board

Action: Deferred.

Local Law Enforcement Block Grant

Action: Deferred.

Unsafe Structures Board

Action: Deferred.

Utility Advisory Committee

Commissioner Trantalis appointed Robert B. Caine and Joe Holland to the Utility Advisory Committee.

Action: Formal Action to be Taken at Regular Meeting.

IV – City Commission Reports

Home Invasions - Burglaries

Vice Mayor Teel said she received an e-mail which she gave to Chief Roberts regarding a burglary with the individuals being in their home at the time. This incident is similar to the one in Coral Ridge. The community is quite concerned. Shortly afterwards, another burglary was attempted in the area. The community is requesting a meeting with the Police Department. The first incident was an armed burglar entering a home and pointing a gun at the head of the woman in her bed. She thanked the Police Department and Chief Roberts for coming to the homeowner meeting. The victims appreciated it.

Mayor Naugle believed one individual was chased down. Bruce Roberts, Chief of Police, provided a status report.

Commissioner Moore asked if security systems are being broken. Chief Roberts said that some systems are not being used. The Department wants to talk to the communities about the resources that are available, but not always used.

Vice Mayor Teel said a plan needs to be available so the City can respond to victims, and get the word out as to how people can protect themselves, and how to deal with the shock when such an incident occur.

Commissioner Moore said he has always been concerned about victim advocacy in the City. Victims need to feel that the government is concerned. Possibly additional budgetary dollars are needed to have more than one Victim Advocate on staff. The Chief of Police has done a good job in meeting with individuals, but he felt there should be something on the front end for contacting victims.

Vice Mayor Teel agreed. She felt immediate is important.

Chief Roberts said they would work closely with the Victim Advocate. He reminded everyone that there is an outreach program available also. Crime Prevention Detectives have called the victims. More individuals need to take advantage of these available services.

Commissioner Moore said the victims need to know that follow-up on the incident has occurred to assure them that something has been done regarding the matter. There needs to be more than the initial follow-up; it should be far-reaching. Chief Roberts agreed. Commissioner Moore commented that about a previous matter with two women having their purses taken from them. Their frustration turned from the robber to the City because they felt the City did not care.

Fire Rescue Facilities Bond Issue Blue Ribbon Committee

Commissioner Hutchison realized the Fire Bond Committee is meeting because minutes are being distributed, but she felt it is time they come and present a report to the Commission. She suggested that this Committee be scheduled on the agenda for the September 20, 2005 Conference Meeting. It is important and was done with the Park Bond Committee.

Bike Pedestrian Coordinator

Commissioner Hutchinson referred to the Bike Pedestrian Coordinator hired with grant money, and indicated that the issue of a bike ped committee has again been raised by the community. She suggested that they get feedback from the Bike Pedestrian Coordinator.

Phil Thornburg, Director of Parks and Recreation, said the new employee has been on board for about six months, and information will be provided to the Commission.

In response to Mayor Naugle, Mr. Thornburg indicated that the Bike Pedestrian Coordinator made a report to staff and the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board.

Commissioner Moore asked if the Coordinator would have the opportunity to make suggestions regarding the motorized scooter vehicles that have become popular. He felt they should be treated in the same fashion as skateboarders. An area needs to possibly be set aside for such a use. He asked if such a dialogue could take place at the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board.

Mayor Naugle felt it is a law enforcement matter; there are laws. Commissioner Trantalis said that such scooters could be used as a mode of transportation, whereas skateboarding is recreational.

Action: The City Manager offered to look into the matter and report back to the Commission.

Lift Station Renovation, Victoria Park

Commissioner Trantalis asked about the status of the life station issue. He was informed that a solution might be available around June 1, 2005.

Albert Carbon, Public Works Director, said they are expecting a resolution and draft plan by this Friday. He will provide the information to the Commission as soon as possible.

Commissioner Moore said that work is still being done on them; he questioned why.

Mayor Naugle said that it might have something to do with wanting it to flow to the sewer plant.

Mr. Carbon said the stations are on temporary pump stations as the panels are being constructed. The temporary stations cost about \$1,000 per day for operation. They need the stations to be back into operation to relieve the City of that cost. The sewer pump stations are needed to keep the sewers from backing up into homes.

Commissioner Moore said these pump stations are being completed even though they are not desirable for the communities. It is costing the City "x" amount of dollars for the construction. Mayor Naugle said the original pump station was shut down and a temporary one was costing \$1,000 per day. It was cheaper to complete them because the original ones had already been taken apart. Commissioner Moore was concerned because he thought the cost for one was almost \$1 Million.

Mr. Carbon said that the control panel was not the sum of the project. There was also an underground component. He will supply the breakdown to the Commission.

EXECUTIVE CLOSED DOOR SESSION AT 2:40 P.M.

COMMISSION MEETING RESUMED AT 3:00 P.M.

V- City Manager Report

None given.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

